2. Under section 14-A of the Legislative Council Regulation, I have the honour to return the Bill for reconsideration by the Legislative Council in the light of the foregoing facts.

2. The Bill to prevent the dedication of Women to Hindu temples.

The Bill to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples in the State of Cochin which was passed by the Legislative Council at its meeting on 18th February 1931 contains the following defects:—

(1) The preamble presumes that the practice of dedicating women to Hindu temples results in such women leading a life of prostitutes. Objection is taken to this statement. It is not desirable that a statement of the kind whether correct or not should be made in a public document and therefore the preamble may be modified thus:

"Whereas it is expedient to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples, it is hereby enacted as follows:—"

2. It is further understood that there is no such practice as "wedding to dagger" prevailing amomg the Devadasi community in the State. As however, "sanctioning *chela*" and "wedding to dagger" are separate ceremonies, it would be better that the word "or" is substituted for the word "and" occurring in line (1) of section 2 and line (3) of section 4.

3. In section 1 (a), the figure "11....." should be corrected to "111....."

4. Under section 14—A. of the Legislative Council Regulation, I have the honour to return the Bill for reconsideration by the Council in the light of the foregoing facts.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Rs. 800 under 1—Land Revenue — D.—Contingencies.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800 under 1—Land Revenue—D—Contingencies. The note prepared for the Standing Finance Committee is rather brief and I trust a word or two on this will not be altogether out of place. In respect of palace compounds which are acquired for the use of princes and subsequently leased to them on rent the usual practice has been to fix a certain rent in respect of the compound, basing it on the taxable trees. It so happened that in the case of the 5th Tampuran a rent of 2½ per cent on the compensation money which the Government paid for land acquisition was collected. Subsequently the Tampuran made a claim for refund and the refund was allowed. This sum of Rs. 800/- is required for the purpose. The amount which had been fixed in the budget was only Rs. 800/- and that will be required to meet the ordinary requirements of the Department.

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This item of expenditure could not also be anticipated at the time of the budget. Therefore I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 1000 under 1— Land Revenue—H—Fish Curing—Storage etc.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000/- under 1- Land Revenue—H—Fish Curing-Storage, etc. This is an item which could not have been anticipated at the time of the budget for 1111 for the very obvious reason that the Fish Curing yards were transferred to this department only at the end of 1110. This amount is for meeting the charges for transporting the salt and fish trom the Malipuram Godown to the Fish Curing yards. I request the House to sanction the allotment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were not these Fish Curing Yards in existence before?

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon.—Yes, it was under the control of the Excise Commissioner and this is in reality only a transfer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I had tabled some cut motions which were neither disallowed nor are they placed here.

Deputy President.—I find none of your cut motions tabled here.

Grant put and carried

Rs. 2000 under 12— Tramway—A—Capital-Buildings.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,000/- under 12- Tramway-A-Captial—Buildings, for the reason explained in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House to sanction the allotment.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 6,656 under 12— Tramway —A—Capital—7 (b)—Permanent way.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,656-7-0 under 12— Tramway —A—Capital —7 (b)— Permanent Way. The necessity for the grant has been explained in the note prepared for the Standing Finance

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